

What is bare root?

There are three ways to buy a tree,



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bare root, containerized, and B&B (balled and burlapped).

Some advantages of bare root are:

- 1) price per tree is less than $\frac{1}{2}$ the price of B&B
- 2) more easily transported
- 3) you bring home up to 200% more roots than you get with B&B
- 4) a visible root system allows for detection/correction of flaws and better enables you to plant the tree at the proper depth.

It is best to plant bare-root trees immediately, in order to keep the fragile roots from drying out. If you can't plant because of weather or soil conditions, store the trees in a cool place and keep the roots moist.